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Creating a legacy for life

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As the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games get closer, Waltham Forest Council is leading the effort to make the most of the unique opportunities that come with being a host borough.

We will turn these opportunities into real, lasting benefits for our community, creating a legacy for life for the people who live, work and visit here.

We will make sure we are Getting more from the Games by

- Investing in our streets
- Increasing Olympic Park access
- Improving business and skills
- Inspiring our community

Our work has already started, and you will see regular updates on our progress over the coming months, as well as information on how to get involved.

This is an exciting time for Waltham Forest and we want the whole community to feel the benefits of being an Olympic host borough.



Dear resident,

The Games will bring a new wave of opportunity, prosperity, inspiration and community spirit to Waltham Forest, like nothing we have seen before. Our focus is on creating long-lasting and visible benefits for the local area and local people.

With less than a week to go, Vancouver is busily preparing for the world's focus as the 2010 Olympic Winter Games get underway. This is an exciting reminder for Waltham Forest that the next time the Olympic torch is lit, the Games will be happening right here on our doorstep.

I hope each and every one of you helps us capture the spirit of the Games by playing your part in making them a success, and supporting us while we prepare for our turn in the spotlight.

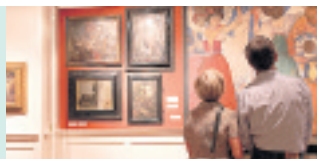
It's an exciting time for Waltham Forest, and we're making sure everyone who lives here is Getting more from the Games.

Yours faithfully

Chris Robbins

Leader of Waltham Forest Council





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Waltham Forest lobbies for bobbies

7,100 signature petition calling for more police presented to Metropolitan Police Authority

Senior police have pledged to make Waltham Forest safer after a delegation of councillors and residents presented the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) with a petition demanding more police for the borough.

Waltham Forest Council leader, Cllr Chris Robbins, presented the document on Thursday 28 January with noisy support from a delegation of 40 residents, councillors and schoolchildren from Chingford Hall Primary School, who travelled to City Hall by double decker bus.

Senior police officers responded by promising to visit the borough to investigate crime rates, and said extra officers could be deployed to bring crime down.

Assistant Commissioner for Territorial Policing, Ian McPherson, said: "Waltham Forest's crime is going up and we have to do something about it, that's our job. We have to do something to make Waltham Forest safer."

The event was organised to highlight the Council's "We're Calling For Back Up" campaign which was launched in August last year to address



School children and residents discuss the campaign with Deputy Commissioner Tim Godwin

the shortfall in police numbers in this borough.

The Council would like to say a big 'thank you' to the people who attended on the day and to everyone who has signed the petition so far.

Waltham Forest's crime is going up and we have to do something about it, that's our job.

Kelly Eastmond-Jeffrey, secretary of Leyton Community Action, who attended the event said: "The meeting went very

well, I just hope we get the right outcome for Waltham Forest.

"The community needs familiar faces in the police force so they can build up good relations and feel they can confide in officers and report crime in their area."

In 2008/09 Waltham Forest had the highest rate of serious crime in London but has relatively low numbers of police

officers. Hackney has a virtually identical rate of serious crime but 195 more police officers than Waltham Forest.

More info

You can sign up to the We're Calling for Back Up campaign by logging on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/backup. You can view a webcast of the MPA meeting at www.mpa.gov.uk/committees/mpa/2010/100128/webcast-archive/

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In my opinion

Sarah Humphreys

Chair of the East London Out Project (ELOP)



Across London there has been an increase of reported homophobic incidences. Some attacks have been so vicious they've resulted in death or the need for life-long care and support for some victims. Sadly, east London

has also seen a rise in anti-gay hate crimes, this borough included.

The media coverage I've seen has examined several potential reasons for this rise. Some see it as an increased confidence in reporting homophobic hate-crime to the police and that the problem hasn't got any worse. This, however, denies the true extent of homophobic attacks. In reality the reported incidences represent only a fraction of those that actually take place.

Another opinion makes a link between the attacks and the economic disadvantage and social isolation experienced by some people, whereas the third view is that the rise in attacks relates to an increase in hostility towards gay people from specific faith communities.

Homophobia is wrong and, like other forms of discrimination, it should not be tolerated.

However, not one of these explanations sits particularly well with me – instead they feel rather like excuses. Anti-gay hate-crime is on the rise because of homophobia. Giving any other reason for this ignores the role that homophobia – the irrational hatred of gay people – plays in these increased instances of violence.

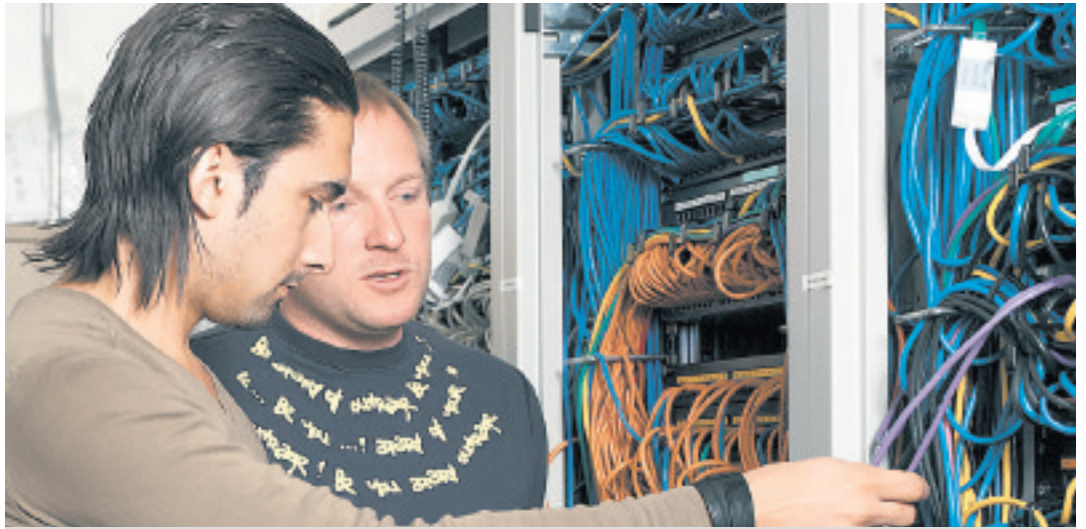
It also pigeonholes entire communities and takes no account of the diverse nature of these communities themselves. Many people of all faiths have been outraged by these attacks.

The bottom line is that homophobia is wrong and, like other forms of discrimination, it should not be tolerated. If society is serious about stamping out discrimination directed at gay people, we need to learn from the lessons of how we have begun to tackle other forms of discrimination and do the same around homophobia. This includes celebrating the diversity of the community, including the contributions of the gay community, having a truly inclusive approach to community cohesion and ensuring our schools take a zero tolerance approach to all forms of homophobia.

If you are interested in making a difference and would like to get involved in fighting homophobia then I can be contacted on chair@elop.org

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.



Waltham Forest is looking for apprentices in a variety of fields, from ICT to finance

You're hired - Council seeks new apprentices

- Help at hand for 16-18 year olds with Waltham Forest's apprenticeship scheme
- Earn while you learn and gain valuable new skills for the workplace

While the recession might officially be 'over' that doesn't mean times aren't tough and, if you've had an eye on the news, you'll know that young people are amongst those who've been hardest hit by the economic downturn.

To help give local young people a boost, Waltham Forest Council's apprenticeship scheme is once again in full swing, with 16-18 year olds being offered the chance to get in touch regarding a potential Council apprenticeship.

Since starting the scheme in 2006 the Council has taken on 80 apprentices, 24 of whom have been taken on permanently after their apprenticeship finished. This year the Council is hoping to take on 30 new apprentices in areas such

as finance, legal services, ICT and the Council's 2012 team.

Cllr John Macklin, Waltham Forest's Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources, said: "Making sure our residents are equipped with the skills they need to compete in the workplace and driving down unemployment are two big priorities for the Council and taking on apprenticeships shows that we're putting our money where our mouth is as an organisation."

More info

Anyone aged 16-18 and interested in the scheme should contact CLaSS on wbl@walthamforest.gov.uk or 020 8520 9430. Any businesses looking to take on an apprentice can visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk



Cllr John Macklin

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GETTING MORE FROM THE GAMES

Olympics Minister praises borough's 2012 ambition

- Waltham Forest taking an 'important lead' in achieving improvements
- Pride in the borough is 'infectious' says Cabinet Minister



Tessa Jowell meets with the borough's Olympic Ambassadors

Tessa Jowell, the Government's Minister for Olympics, praised Waltham Forest's ambition to use the 2012 Games to kick-start improvements in the borough, when she visited the William Morris Gallery recently.

Speaking at the launch of the Council's new culture strategy, the Secretary of State, said: "There's something very uplifting about the pride that Waltham Forest have in their borough and I think it's infectious in the wider Olympic family."

"Coming here and seeing the other bits of Waltham Forest as I know them, it's very easy to understand why. Because what is absolutely the case is that all London's growth over the next ten to 15 years is going to be here, it is going to be east."

"This is the part of London that will grow; this is the part of London that can become the knowledge centre for London and this is the part of London that will drive the engine of growth - in part on the strength of the Olympics but in greater part on the basis of the ambition that the boroughs have for their community. That is where Waltham Forest sets such a very important lead."

The comments made by

Ms Jowell, who along with Cllrs Chris Robbins and Geraldine Reardon discussed the 2012 Games with the borough's Olympic Ambassadors, follow recent announcements made by Waltham Forest Council to invest in the borough, including the announcement of a £6m training facility in Leytonstone, and a pledge of £5m to be spent on improving streets and paving across Leyton.

More info

- For more information on what the 2012 Games can mean for you, call the borough's 2012 team direct on **020 8496 3000** or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012

In brief

Young Person's Guarantee

Since 25 January, every young person who is unemployed for six months is guaranteed the offer of a job, training or work experience, supported by up to 470,000 opportunities over the next 15 months through the Government's Young Person's Guarantee.

The Young Person's Guarantee is available to all Jobseekers aged 18-24. Personal Advisers will work with customers to create a personalised 'back-to-work plan'. The new scheme can help with: the opportunity to apply for new jobs created through the Future Jobs Fund (FJF), support to apply for an existing job in a key employment sector, work-focused training, a place on a Community Task Force, help with self-employment and internships for graduates and non-graduates.

- For more information, ask at your Jobcentre Plus or go online at: www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/DG_184484

WFM helps solve TV murder

wfm, the predecessor to Waltham Forest News, proved its worth as a community newspaper when it helped solve a mysterious death on TV's 'Silent Witness' recently. The then monthly newspaper carried an appeal for anyone who knew the identity of a dead woman to come forward. It was then used again to run the front page story of the successful capture of the suspect. The BBC contacted wfm back in 2008 asking to use the publication in the show as the borough's largest circulation paper. Always happy to do our bit!

- For an archive of wfm and Waltham Forest News go to the website at: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/news/wfm

Haiti fundraisers rise to challenge

Pupils and staff at Norlington School for Boys in Leyton have raised £480 for the disaster fund for survivors of the Haiti earthquake. A non uniform day at the specialist maths and computing school saw pupils donate a pound each for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

Deputy Headteacher Guy Persaud said: "The boys don't need much of a reason to wear their own clothes but in this instance they were keen to do so to help out those who have suffered and lost their homes and families in the quake. We are proud that most pupils contributed at least £1 towards the cause."

A group of local families organised a fundraising

walk around Leytonstone to collect money for Haiti. A dozen families took the leisurely stroll around the town centre raising £600 for the appeal.

Staff at NHS Waltham Forest also found time to hold a baking and fruit day at their offices in Leytonstone, which raised £301 for the survivors. Well done to everyone across our compassionate borough who donated money to this cause.

The DEC brings together leading aid charities such as the British Red Cross, Save the Children, Oxfam and Action Aid and donations can still be made directly to them by phoning **0370 60 60 900**.

More info

More information is available on the website at www.dec.org.uk



200,000 people died in the January earthquake

COMMUNITY HEALTH EVENT

Saturday 27th February 2010 from 11am - 3pm

**The Asian Centre WF
18a Oxford Road
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AN ACTIVE LONDON PROJECT

Waltham Forest is funded by the London Food and Active Living Fund, which aims to improve the health and well-being of the community through food and active living initiatives.

Partners: The Asian Centre, Waltham Forest Council, Asra, Family Music, Lottery Funded.

Join us on the day to enjoy food, health checks and taster activities all for free! The event offers:

- Free food
- Cooking & Healthy eating workshop
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- Information stalls
- Bouncy castle

For more information on activities please contact us.

Free drop-in event
Event: info@active-london.org.uk
Web: www.active-london.org.uk

In brief

Magic breakfasts at Mayville

Mayville Primary School has secured five years' worth of free breakfasts for pupils, courtesy of national charity Magic Breakfast.

The charity works with schools across the country who have high numbers of pupils eligible for free school meals, to make sure their pupils are raring to go at the start of the day.

Since 2001, Magic Breakfast have provided more than 1,000,000 free breakfasts.

The news means Mayville will now get as many bagels as it needs, plus breakfast cereals and fruit juice, as well as new freezers to store the food.

• For more information on Magic Breakfast, visit www.magicbreakfast.com or call 020 7836 5434.

Anti burglary tips

Age Concern Waltham Forest is inviting older residents to the Attic Theatre Company's production of 'Ma Kelly's Doorstep' to learn simple tips on how to beat the burglar and stay safe in their homes over the winter.

The Attic Theatre Company's production of 'Ma Kelly's Doorstep' will take place at the EpiCentre, 41 West Street, Leytonstone on Friday 12 February at 10am, The Peterhouse Centre, 122 Forest Rise, Walthamstow on Friday 12 February at 1.30pm and Chingford Assembly Hall, Wednesday 10 March at 1pm.

• For more information on how to be safe at home, contact Christine Bateson at Age Concern Waltham Forest on 0208 558 8716.

Love Your Health Day

Leytonstone residents looking to be a bit more healthy could do a lot worse than pop along to Cann Hall School, 234 Cann Hall Road on Saturday 13 February from 12noon-3pm, when Acacia Children's Centre will be holding a 'Love Your Health Day' for local families. The aim is to help you and your family to stay fit or get fitter. The day features healthy cooking demonstrations and you can even get a free lunch. There will be free gifts and lots of useful information, as well as plenty of fun for the children.

• For more details drop in to Acacia Children Centre Services, 8 Cathall Road or call 020 8496 2960.

Sleeping Alice and the Beast

The William Morris Gallery is hosting a brand new multimedia exhibition with works that are a direct response to the gallery's collection.

Artists Louise Clarke, Dominique Golden and Zoe Hodgson have been exhibiting together for 10 years, after they met at The Royal College of Art.

Their work fluctuates between fine art and craft based art works and, like Morris, is influenced by nature and fairytale romanticism.

The exhibition runs until Sunday 7 March. The William Morris Gallery is open from 10am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday and admission is free.

• For more information go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/william-morris or call 020 8496 3000.



The band are looking forward to their gig at Walthamstow Assembly Hall (below)

New Beautiful South

- Popular band to play Walthamstow Assembly Hall on 13 February
- Set will include classic Beautiful South songs and new material

Fans of British pop institution The Beautiful South will be delighted to hear that the band has reformed and is set to perform at Walthamstow Assembly Hall on Saturday 13 February.

The group broke up in 2007 claiming the split was due to "musical similarities." Now former members Dave Hemingway, Alison Wheeler and Dave Stead, have

reformed under the name, New Beautiful South.

As well as dipping into the Beautiful South songbook, which includes classic hits 'A Little Time', 'Don't Marry Her' and 'Perfect 10', the band will perform brand new material.

Waltham Forest News spoke to singer Dave Hemingway ahead of the concert.

Dave said: "Walthamstow is a place we've never played

before, so we're looking forward to coming to east London and putting on a good show. I've heard the Assembly Hall has good acoustics, which is always a positive – some people might say we need them!"

"In a way though, we're nervous playing more intimate venues. They can be really nerve-wracking because the crowd is so close. Hopefully everyone will give us a warm welcome.

"We're hoping to have a local band as our support act for the gig too. It's always nice to give new bands an opportunity to play to a slightly bigger crowd and they will bring their own fans and supporters with them too, which of course is good for the whole gig.

"The gigs have gone well so far and we've had a chance to play some nice theatre venues, so I'm really looking forward to coming to Walthamstow and playing at the Assembly Hall."

Fact file

- Paul Heaton and Dave Hemingway, both former members of the Hull band The Housemartins, formed The Beautiful South at the end of the 1980s
- The group sold over 15 million records worldwide during their 19-year career
- 'Carry On Up The Charts' – the group's first compilation album, released in 1994, became one of the fastest selling albums in UK history and went platinum five times over
- In January 2009 it was announced that former members Dave Hemingway, Dave Stead and Alison Wheeler would reform under the name New Beautiful South.

More info

Tickets are available priced £19.50 from www.ticketweb.co.uk or by calling 0844 477 1000.



GETTING MORE FROM THE GAMES

Getting more for Leyton

- Extra £2.25m for Olympic improvements
- Money to be spent on highways and pedestrian access

Major improvements to Leyton High Road and the surrounding area have come one step closer to being realised, thanks to a partnership programme with Design for London.

The design organisation, which is a part of the London

Development Agency, worked with each of the five Olympic host boroughs to bid for millions of pounds of funding to improve the environment around the Olympic Park before the 2012 Games and connect local communities to the

Park afterwards.

The bid was successful and a cash boost of £2.25m was preliminarily agreed by the LDA in late January, so that Waltham Forest Council and Design for London can now start finalising their improvement plans.

The grant has been divided into two sections, with £1.25m to be spent on improving Leyton High Road, including better lighting, safer paving and improved roads. Further money will also be spent on improving Drapers Playing Fields.

The remaining £1m will be spent on improving the Ruckholt Road bridge and developing better pedestrian

and cycle access through Leyton Mills.

The announcement is the latest boost to the borough's 'Getting more from the Games' campaign (see this issue's cover-wrap around) which will see major investment in skills, businesses and the environment before and after the Games.

More info

The Council is working to make sure you are 'Getting more from the Games'. Look out for developments as they happen in future editions of Waltham Forest News or online at www.walthamforest.gov.uk



In brief

Have your say on improvements

Alongside the plans being developed with Design for London (see main story) there are already significant improvements being planned to the highway, footway and public spaces along Cann Hall Road and Crownfield Road, Leyton, which will improve the quality, character and distinctiveness of the area.

The proposed improvements include better lighting, better signposts and more greenery and you can have your say on the plans, to make sure you are Getting more from the Games.

• To see the plans in full, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012 or call the 2012 team on 020 8496 3000 to find out where the plans are on display near you.

Year of The Tiger at Vestry House

Vestry House Museum is celebrating Chinese New Year with a fun family event.

2010 is the Year of The Tiger, and artist Rosie Fuller will be on hand to help children make tiger masks and lucky red decorations to hang up at home. The event will take place from 1-4.30pm on Wednesday 17 February, just turn up on the day.

Vestry House Museum is open from 10am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday and admission is free.

• For more information go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/vestry-house or call 020 8496 3000.

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Our Environment

In brief

Carbon Trust offers green training

The Carbon Trust has launched an online training kit designed to help smaller businesses and organisations find greener ways of doing things. The 'Cut Carbon, Cut Costs' kit gives an introduction to key energy efficiency topics and is available on video and as an interactive calculator.

Over the course of six modules, users can build an action plan giving estimated costs and carbon savings in their workplace. The topics covered are: electricity out-of-hours, energy management, heating, lighting, office and IT equipment, and compressed air.

- More information on the online training tool can be found on the website at www.carbontrust.co.uk



Porky and best

As anyone with a soft spot for the fluffier things in life will know, one of the many joys of spring is the profusion of newborn animals to be seen. If you're not quite content with TV's 'Countryfile', there's a chance to get a farmyard fix courtesy of Lee Valley Park Farms, which re-opens on Saturday 13 February. Families can meet a variety of the farm's inhabitants, which include pigs, goats, mice and even a bearded dragon, and for those of you who want an even better understanding of how a farm works you can, on weekends and school holidays, take a tractor ride down to the working dairy farm.

- For opening times, ticket process and more information visit www.leevalleypark.org.uk/farms or call 01992 892 781.

Help shape the borough's future

Waltham Forest residents are being asked for their views on how the borough should develop and change over the next 15 years. Having started work on a series of planning documents called the Local Development Framework (LDF) the Council's attention has now turned to the LDF Core Strategy, which effectively sets the course for everything to follow. The Core Strategy will deal with the big strategic planning issues and will focus on key issues such as jobs, housing, town centres, health, education, transport, built and natural heritage and climate change. If you're interested in getting involved you've got until 19 February to do so – what are you waiting for?

- For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ldf or call the Spatial Planning Team on 020 8496 3000.



Cllr Bob Belam

Groundbreaking CCTV initiative launched

- Boost for motorists as Council highlights CCTV enforcement spots
- New scheme aims to cut accidents and promote responsible driving

A new scheme outlining where CCTV traffic enforcement vehicles will be placed has been launched.

The initiative, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, aims to improve road safety and reduce the number of accidents on the borough's streets while avoiding the need to issue motorists with fixed penalty notices.

People will be able to log on to the Council's website and find out when and where CCTV enforcement vehicles will be situated.

The CCTV cars are responsible for spotting moving traffic violations, such as stopping in box junctions, driving in bus lanes and making banned turns. They are also used for parking enforcement purposes.

Waltham Forest Council's

Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Bob Belam, said: "The main aim of our traffic enforcement team is to improve safety for all of Waltham Forest's roads users. It is not about making money at the expense of motorists.

"We are putting our money where our mouth is and telling motorists where our CCTV vehicles will be watching. We hope this will encourage people to drive more carefully, especially at the locations where we issue most of our fixed penalty notices, and help us to improve traffic flow and reduce accidents."

More info

The locations of the CCTV vehicles can be found by logging on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/transport



Justify your love

- Come to Walthamstow on 13 February for all the fun of the fair
- Launch of Love Your Borough awards to recognise and reward those who've done Waltham Forest proud



Come along to be entertained on Saturday

Love is definitely in the air next weekend, and while you might be looking to break the bank on flowers, a posh frock or a slap-up meal for Valentine's Day itself, you can enjoy some free treats the day before as we show

Waltham Forest some love.

The event, which will run from 1pm-5pm on the former Arcade site (at the junction of Hoe Street and Walthamstow High Street) on Saturday 13 February, represents the launch of the first ever Love Your Borough awards.

The awards aim to recognise and reward the individuals, businesses, community groups, charities and voluntary organisations who've done their bit to make Waltham Forest a better place to live, work and go to school. There'll be ten categories to choose from and prizes galore for the folks who've rolled up their sleeves to help make the borough a cleaner, greener, safer or nicer place to live – so turn up on the day or watch this space for more details.

As well as launching the Love Your Borough awards there'll be plenty of free family-friendly activities to enjoy, including a Kylie tribute act, jugglers, human statues, fire shows and

the ever-popular vintage carousel, along with plenty more besides.

As well as enjoying all the fun of the fair, an exhibition featuring the winners of last year's Love Your Borough photo competition will also be unveiled for the first time and you can also grab some info on how to show Mother Earth herself a little bit of love at our '10:10' stall which offers advice on helping to reduce Waltham Forest's Carbon footprint.

More info

For more information on the event or the Love Your Borough awards, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough or call 020 8496 3000.

In brief



Dirty criminals caught

Criminals polluting the environment in Waltham Forest have been forced to fork out more than £30,000 as punishment for their crimes. The Council's 'Wiping Out Enviro-Crime' campaign successfully launched a string of initiatives designed to stamp out offences such as fly tipping, graffiti, littering and dog fouling since its start on 29 January last year.

Since then 42 people have been prosecuted and ordered to pay out £13,760 in fines and £16,272 in costs.

• For more information about the Wiping Out Enviro Crime campaign log on to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/environment/street-care/wipeitout

10:10 - We're a part of it, and you should be too



At the end of 2009 Waltham Forest Council joined thousands of individuals and organisations from across the country to unite behind one simple idea: a ten per cent cut in carbon emissions during 2010. It's called 10:10, and we want you to be a part of it.

Cutting ten per cent in one year is a bold target, but for most of us it's an achievable one, and is in line with what scientists say we need right now. By signing up to 10:10 we're not just promising to reduce our own emissions – we're becoming part of a national drive to hit this ambitious goal in every sector of society.

Come along to the Love your borough event on Saturday 13 February 1pm-5pm on the Arcade site, at the junction of Hoe Street and High Street, Walthamstow, for information on how you, your family or business can reduce their carbon emissions and to recycle ten of your used plastic bags with us in exchange for a cotton shopping bag.

For information on the campaign visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/1010





Family Information Service

A confidential service providing free and impartial information and support to families with children and young people aged 0-19 and up to 25 for people with disabilities.

Ask us about:

- Childminders
- Day Nurseries
- Children Centres
- Crèches
- Pre-schools
- Parent and Toddler groups
- After School and Breakfast Clubs
- Holiday Playschemes
- Extended services

We also provide support and information on:

- Working Tax Credits and Child Tax Credit
- Free part-time early education places for 3 to 4 year-olds
- Special needs inclusion
- Working with children
- Training opportunities
- Becoming a registered childminder or opening a childcare provision

Phone: 020 8496 3000

Email: wffis@walthamforest.gov.uk

Website: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/fis



Waltham Forest

You're hired

Waltham Forest Council seeks new apprentices

Waltham Forest Council is now recruiting young people from the borough for their apprenticeship scheme. If you're aged 16 to 18 years old, want to get work experience while being paid then we want you!

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain on-the-job training and learning lasting 12-15 months, a national qualification and the boost you need to kickstart your career.

Who can apply

- Applicants aged between 16-18 years old
- Applicants from the local borough are strongly encouraged to apply

What's on offer

- 30 placements over the year
- a national qualification in Business Administration, Customer Care, Health and Social Care, Finance and IT
- a starting salary of £103/week

More info

An information session will be held on Monday 22 February. To register or for more information, please contact CLaSS on 020 8520 9430 or email wbl@walthamforest.gov.uk

If you want to work in an area not listed above, please let us know when you contact CLaSS.

What previous apprentices have to say

"I've become a lot more confident since being on the scheme, I've learnt a lot of skills in the workplace and I've met lots of new people. As a result, I've gained a new job!"

Lillie from Education Support Services

"I have been on my apprenticeship since April 2009 working at the Waltham Forest Direct call centre and doing a Business and Administration NVQ course. I have found the course very beneficial as I have just been offered a permanent job. Luckily I have almost finished my NVQ which has worked out well. I have gained many skills while in work and would recommend this to anyone."

Javell from Waltham Forest Direct Contact Centre.

Help wanted



The Beautiful South have now morphed into 'New Beautiful South' after a breakup of 2 years.

The band have sold over 15 million albums worldwide and had a string of hit singles such as Rotterdam, Don't Marry Her and A Little Time. Carry On Up The Charts, was one of the fastest-selling albums in UK history.

Saturday 13 February 2010

Walthamstow Assembly Hall
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 5SD

Doors open 7.30pm, concert 8.30pm
Ticket price £19.50

Tickets available from www.ticketweb.co.uk
Telephone 08444 77 1000

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/newbeautifulsouth

NEW BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

Family Information Service - Surgeries

Come and speak to one of our officers regarding information on services for children, young people and their families in Waltham Forest. If you require an appointment please call the Family Information Service on **020 8496 3000** or you can just pop in.

Chingford

Dates	Venue	Time
Tuesday 2 March 2010 Tuesday 6 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 265 Chingford Mount Road Chingford E4 8LP	10am– 12noon

Leyton – in partnership with Riverley & Sybourn Children Centre

Dates	Venue	Time
Wednesday 24 February 2010 Monday 1 March 2010 Wednesday 3 March 2010 Wednesday 31 March 2010 Wednesday 7 April 2010 Monday 12 April 2010 Wednesday 28 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 774-776 High Road Leyton E10 6AE	10am– 12noon

Walthamstow

Dates	Venue	Time
Friday 12 March 2010 Friday 2 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 137 Hoe Street Walthamstow E17 4RT	2.30pm– 4.30pm

Dates	Venue	Time
Thursday 18 February 2010 Thursday 18 March 2010 Thursday 15 April 2010	Walthamstow Central Library, High Street Walthamstow E17 7JN	10am– 12noon

Dates	Venue	Time
Wednesday 17 February 2010 Wednesday 17 March 2010	Wood Street Health Centre 6 Linford Road Walthamstow E17 3LA	10am– 12noon and 2pm–4pm

Leytonstone

Dates	Venue	Time
Thursday 4 March 2010 Thursday 1 April 2010	Waltham Forest Direct Shop 819 High Road Leytonstone E11 1HQ	10am– 12noon

Family Information Service opening hours

Monday 9am - 5.15pm Tuesday 9am - 6.30pm Wednesday 8am - 5.15pm
Thursday 9am - 6.30pm Friday 9am - 5.15pm

Visit Us

Waltham Forest Family Information Service
Silver Birch House, Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow E17 5SD

Tel: 020 8496 3000 **Fax:** 020 8496 3599 **Email:** wffis@walthamforest.gov.uk



Waltham Forest



The Japanese origami club starts this week

Origami club long way from folding

- Japanese culture for everyone
- New club launches this week



Bring the kids and get folding

When a Leytonstone mum decided to advertise to see if there were other Japanese families in the area, interested in running a club to promote Japanese culture, she didn't expect to end up with 50 kids running

round her house.

Due to that early success, the club is now moving to the Welcome Centre next to St Mary's Church in Walthamstow Village and opening its doors this month to all comers, whatever nationality.

"I didn't see many Japanese people here before," says co-organiser, Keiko Dickinson. "We're not teaching the Japanese language – though we could if we are asked. We are setting it up mainly as an origami club for children, as in Japan all children do origami from a young age. I think it may actually have started in China but certainly when I was a child we all did it. We want to promote Japanese culture and people here seem genuinely interested. I've been asked to do demos at local schools with my friend Yoko as well."

"When you become parents, you start doing origami again for your own children and there are so many things you can make – animals, boxes, anything

really. It gets really interesting when you use more than one piece of paper and use different colours."

When she's not running the Origami club, Keiko writes about England and the English for Japanese travel publications. The new club, which starts this Saturday, 13 February, 3-5pm at St Mary's Welcome Centre, 8 Church End, Walthamstow, will no doubt, make for some interesting copy for her readers. Entry is £3.50 per family with refreshments provided.

More info

For more information on the Japanese Origami club, email Keiko at: info@koinoborinokai.com or call 020 8539 5982.

In brief

Bushwood Residents' snowy celebration

Bushwood Area Residents' Association celebrated 30 years with a timely Snow Ball in Leytonstone recently. A party for 100 local families took on a distinctly snowy theme once local children were put in charge with coming up with the ideas themselves. A snow devil and snow princess as well as a hall decorated with twigs, a Yeti and a giant snowman collage, made it clear who was in charge. Committee members Edie and Imogen (both aged 11), and Lucy (aged 8) were only sorry that some of their ideas, such as a snowball machine, a white chocolate fountain and flying glittery angels, weren't possible on the day. Maybe next year.

• For more information on Bushwood ARA go online to: www.bara-leytonstone.org.uk



Snakey Sue's sanctuary

'Snakey Sue' Colman, who appears at schools and events with her pythons and corn snakes, is hoping to start a local reptile sanctuary that will open to the public. "There is nothing remotely similar to what I'm proposing in London," says Sue. "The sanctuary would enable more young people to come along and assist in the care of the animals, as volunteers and on work experience, learning valuable skills such as animal husbandry and to socialise, in fact an 'alternative youth club', encouraging young people off the streets and giving them something interesting and useful to do."

• For more information go online to: www.snakeysue.com or call Sue on 020 8989 2560.

Rationing talk

Another fascinating talk from the Walthamstow Historical Society takes place this Thursday 11 February at 2.30pm in the Main Hall at Greenleaf Road Baptist Church, Greenleaf Road Walthamstow (just off Hoe Street opposite Ye Olde Rose & Crown pub). David Evans delivers a talk called 'Fair Shares For All', looking at wartime and post-war rationing in London. David will show how the system worked and the steps taken by the authorities to make sure the rules were applied. You don't have to be a member to attend, visitors are welcome. The meeting is free to the Society's members but there is a charge of £1.50 for visitors. No booking is required, just pop along.

• For further information call 07792 750017.

What's On

Sports and fitness

Friendly Badminton Club

Every Friday 8.30-10.30pm.
St Anne's Church, 200
Larkwood Road, Chingford.
We are looking for new
members - no complete beginners.
Give us a try. **More details from**
020 8524 4069.

Highams Park Fencing Club

Wednesday evenings Juniors
6-7.30pm Adults from
7.30- 9.15pm.
Trinity School (Lower Site),
off Sydney Road, Woodford Green.
A local club for anyone wanting to
experience the sport of fencing.
Formed by a group of keen
amateurs, the club offers a relaxed,
friendly atmosphere with a wide age
group from 7-65 years of age, and
with professional tuition for fencers
of all levels by qualified instructors.
Beginners welcome. Adults: £4.50
per session for non-members and £3
for members (annual membership
£35). Juniors: £2.50 per session
for non-members and £1.75 for
members (annual membership
£17.50). **For further information,**
Email Ian Lepley, Highams
Park Fencing Club Chairman,
enquiries@hpf.org.uk or call him
on 01992 610 295 between 7and
9pm, or visit our website http://
www.hpf.org.uk

Swimming

Tritons Swim School provides
swimming lessons for all ages
at Forest School, Snarebrook,
and have classes over the winter
term, spring term and summer term.
Detailed information and updates
on our lessons can be obtained
from http://tritonsswimschool.
blogspot.com, or email
info@tritons.org.uk or telephone
on 020 85217192.

Waltham Forest Swimming Club

Monday and Friday evenings.
Waltham Forest Pool and Track,
Walthamstow.
Wednesday evenings.
Larkshall Leisure Centre,
Leytonstone.
Learn to swim, keep fit, compete
or have fun. **For more details call**
Esther on 07931 592453 or email
hillshousehold@btinternet.com

Shotakan Karate

Every Wednesday, 5pm-6.30pm.
St Francis Hall, Hawkwood Crescent,



Chingford. Keep fit and learn to
defend yourself at our friendly fun
club. Parents welcome to train with
children aged four and upwards.
Classes for beginners and more
advanced levels, so don't be shy
- come along and try. **For more**
information call Jacqueline on
07812 562113.

Capoeira classes

Every Wednesday, 7pm.
26-28 Hatherley Mews,
Walthamstow.
Capoeira game is taught,
movements and sequences of attack
and defence, also music, ritual,
songs and acrobatics. Open to all,
lessons £5. See you for the roda.
Contact Will Ourico on 07852
201014 or missionchild@mac.
com with any queries or visit
www.senzalaourico.com

Tell us what's on

walthamforestnews@
walthamforest.gov.uk

Clubs and community

Public Talk

'Fair Shares For All'.
Thursday 11 February, 2.30pm.
Main Hall, Greenleaf Road
Baptist Church, Greenleaf Road
Walthamstow (just off Hoe Street
opposite Ye Olde Rose & Crown pub).
A Talk by David Evans looking at
wartime and post-war rationing in
London. David will show how the
system worked and the steps taken
by the authorities to make sure the
rules were applied. The meeting is
free to the Society's members but
there is a charge of £1.50 for visitors.
No booking required. **For further**
information call 07792 750017.

Table Top Sale

Saturday 13 February, 11am-1pm.
Shern Hall Methodist Church,
corner of Shernhall Street
and Oliver Road, Walthamstow.
Table top sale and coffee morning,
featuring lots of stalls. Bric-a-brac,
jewellery, cards, toys, cakes, books,
Fair Trade items & lots more.
A great place to find a bargain,
special gift or just pop in for a coffee.
Hot and cold food and refreshments
available. Please come and support
the church, FREE admission.

Nearly New Sale

Saturday 20 February,
10-11.30 am.
Asian Centre, Orford Road,
Walthamstow Village.
NCT Nearly New Sale of baby and
children's items. £2 per family.
Good quality toys, clothes
and equipment at low prices

Cactus and Succulent

Meetings on second Friday
of each month at 7.30pm.
British Cactus and Succulent Society
Waltham Forest Branch. C.H.S.
Hall Larkshall Road, (Opposite Dale
View Crescent). **Programme**
and details, John Jackson
Telephone 020 8529 5518.

Computer Courses

Free Computer Courses and
Workshops starting in February.
Priory Community Centre,
11 Priory Court, Walthamstow.
Topics include: online Shopping,
eBay, travel and transport, etc.
For further information please
contact Peter Prowse,
Tel: 020 8531 9953 or email:
peter.prowse@circleanglia.org

Table Top Sale

Saturday 20 February, 10am.
St Edmund's Halls, 216 Chingford
Mound Road, Chingford.
Fundraising event with stalls selling

goods, gifts and refreshments - stalls
also available to hire.

For more details contact Christine
on 020 8524 8729 / church@
stedmund.freereserve.co.uk or visit
www.stedmund.org.uk

Waltham Forest Bilingual Group

First Saturday of every month,
3.30pm-5.30pm.
The Limes Children's and
Community Centre, Somers Road,
Walthamstow (just off the market,
corner of Palmerston Road).
A small voluntary group set up by
parents who wanted to share their
experiences of raising children
bilingually and support each other.
Talk to other parents in multilingual
families while your children play.
For more details call Claire
on 020 8531 6448.

Tell us what's on

walthamforestnews@
walthamforest.gov.uk

Culture and crafts

Morris Dancing

Wednesday 10 February, 8-10pm.
Blackhorse and Standard
Women's Morris Dancers
St Gabriel's Family Centre
Havant Road (off Wood Street)
Walthamstow. Come and learn
Morris dancing - Blackhorse
and Standard Women's Morris
dancers are holding a free,
beginners evening. No experience
necessary. Musicians (male
or female also welcome).

For further details please ring
020 8527 2926 or see www.
blackhorseandstandard.org.uk

Theatre

Friday 12 - Sunday 14
February, 8pm.
The Forest Community Centre,
Guildford Road, Walthamstow.
The Drama Workshop of Waltham
Forest - 'The Lady's Not for Burning'
By Christopher Fry. Probably
Christopher Fry's best known play,
'The Lady's Not for Burning' is a
romantic comedy set in the spring of
1400. **Tickets must be purchased**
in advance from 020 8524 7269.

Pub-rock, blues and folk

Friday 19 February, 8.30-11pm.
The Plough, Wood St, Walthamstow.
Graham Larkbey & the Escape
Committee plus Dan Nash Group
and Al Neville & Sally Vinson.
Pub-rock, blues and folk music.
Free admission.

Starlighter Theatre Company

Starlighters are open to new
members. If you fancy joining a long
established friendly, local, amateur
dramatics company then give Don a
call on 020 8520 0700.

East Side Jazz Club

Tuesdays from 8.30-11pm.
The Lord Rookwood pub,
314 Cann Hall Road, Leytonstone.
Tuesday 9 February:
Dave Newton Trio
Tuesday 16 February:
Simon Spillett Quartet
Tuesday 23 February:
John Altman All Star Big Band
Admission £5. 020 8989 8129.

Word up Walthamstow

Saturday 27 February, 7.30pm.
Ye Olde Rose & Crown Theatre Pub,
53-55 Hoe St, Walthamstow.
In the second in a series of quarterly
Saturday night shows, comedy,
spoken word, risqué rhyming and
(unplugged) indie music are on
offer upstairs at the re-vamped
E17. Experienced Chingford-
based comedy performance poet
Neal Zetter compères an evening
featuring: MC Angel - urban and
gritty poetic princess, Nick Card -
suave spoken-worder all the way
from Wakefield, SuperPennie - lippy
laureate performing tracks from her
new CD, Georgia Strand - a rising
star of the indie-folk scene, Carmina
- amusing and amazing poetry
and odes, plus floor spots from
Karolina (songs and keyboards)
and Stimson (first time rhymers).
Tickets just £5 can be bought on
the night or in advance from the box
office on 020 8509 3880.
For more details see:
www.roseandcrowntheatrepub.
webeden.co.uk or
www.myspace.com/nealzetter
comedyperformancepoet



Community Choir

Lost your voice? Then come and
find it at the Singing Room with
a local Community Choir. For the
confident, not so confident and
positively petrified. It's sociable,
fun and develops your vocal
skills. Everyone welcome.
For more details call Anna on
07931372996 or email:
anna@music-makers.info

Sequence Tea Dance Club

Thursday afternoons,
1pm-3.30pm.
Leyton Parish Hall,
Lindley Road, Leyton.
Afternoon Sequence Tea Dances
with tuition. £2.50 per person,
tea and biscuits included.
Call 020 8524 0384 or email
cmudd60@yahoo.co.uk
for more information.

Tell us what's on

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walthamforest.gov.uk

Children and Young People

Lee Valley Park Farm

Park Farms are re-opening on
Saturday 13 February 2010.
Stubbins Hall Lane,
Waltham Abbey, Lee Valley
Plenty to do and see for all the
family. Children can meet 'Tallulah'
and 'Barbara' the pigs, 'Ella' and
'Eve' the goats, tiny mice, slimy
snails, and even 'Newton' the
bearded dragon. Four miles from
Junction 26 of the M25 or a walk
through Lee Valley Regional Park
from Cheshunt or Waltham Cross
stations. There is also Orchard

Waltham Forest Community Learning and Skills Service (CLaSS)

Day, Evening & Weekend Courses for Adults

BOOK NOW FOR COURSES STARTING IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND EARLY APRIL!



Welcome

Every year Waltham Forest Community Learning and Skills Service (CLaSS) runs thousands of courses in over a hundred different venues in Leyton, Leytonstone, Walthamstow and Chingford. To find out more about our full range of courses and where they are held, contact us in person or by telephone or visit www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk

For details of courses starting from April 19th 2010 onwards, please look in your Waltham Forest News out on Monday, March 22nd or visit www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk

How to book

1. BOOKING BY TELEPHONE

You can book by telephone using a credit or debit card. Please have your card ready when you telephone. We confirm the booking as soon as payment is authorized. Credit and debit card details are treated in the strictest confidence. Telephone either the **CLaSS Booking Line 020 8523 9355** - open Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 5.30pm or Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm - or any of our main centres:
Chestnuts House 020 8521 4311,
Friday Hill House 020 8496 2980,
Leyton Neighbourhood Learning Centre 020 8558 6805
or
Leytonstone Learning Link 020 8988 0555

2. BOOKING IN PERSON AT A CLaSS CENTRE

Bookings for any course can be made at:

- Chestnuts House, 398 Hoe Street, E17 9AA
 - Friday Hill House, Simmons Lane E4 6JH
 - Leyton Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 3 The Square (Next to Asda), High Road E10 5NR
 - Leytonstone Learning Link, 23-25 North Birkbeck Road E11 4JF
- Monday to Friday 9.30am to 4.00pm.

Bookings for any course can be made at:

- Tom Hood School, Terling Close E11 3NT
- Lammas School, Seymour Road E10 6XE
- Heathcote School, 96 Normanton Park E4 6ES
- Rush Croft Sports College, Rushcroft Road E4 8SG

When the centres are open for courses.

If you want to join a course to improve your English or Maths please contact any centre for details of our next information and enrolment sessions

For more information about our courses and how to book please go to www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk or pick up a prospectus from any of our centres

Code	Day	Start Date	Time	Weeks	Hrs per Wk	Venue	Full Fee	Reduced Fee	Exam Fee
ART - DRAWING									
Drawing Skills Portfolio - Level 2									
LNF009-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	9:30 AM	15	2.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	118.00	29.00	0.00
Drawing - Beginners - City & Guilds - Level 1									
CHG625-8K	M/T/W/Th	29-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	24.00	Chestnuts House	75.00	15.00	30.00
ART - DRAWING AND PAINTING									
Exploring Art - Paints, Pastels, Charcoal & Conte									
FHF021-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	1:15 PM	6	2.00	Friday Hill House	49.00	12.00	0.00
FHF022-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	6	2.00	Friday Hill House	49.00	12.00	0.00
Human Figure - Beginners									
CHF096-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	118.00	29.00	0.00
ART - GENERAL									
Mixed Media - Collage - City & Guilds 7111 - Level 1									
LLF018-2K	Tuesday	02-Mar-10	6:30AM	15	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	95.00	20.00	25.00
Mixed Media - Landscapes and Portraits									
FHF026-4K5	Thursday	25-Feb-10	9:30AM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	0.00
Watercolour and Inks - City & Guilds Level 1									
FHF057-4K	Thursday	25-Feb-10	12:30PM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	95.00	20.00	25.00
BEAUTY									
Nail Extensions - Introduction									
FHH103-2K5	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	2.50	Friday Hill House	51.00	13.00	0.00
Threading - Advanced									
LLH057-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	65.00	23.00	0.00
LLH058-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	65.00	23.00	0.00
Waxing - Advanced									
CHH184-6K1	Saturday	20-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Chestnuts House	38.00	13.00	0.00
Waxing - VTCT Certificate - Level 2									
LLH155-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	12:30 PM	17	2.50	Leytonstone Learning Link	254.00	89.00	28.00
BOOKKEEPING AND ACCOUNTS									
Financial Inclusion - Managing Your Own Money									
ZWI007-3K2	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	10:00 AM	5	2.00	Priory Court Community Centre	25.00	10.00	0.00
Payroll - Certificate IAB - Level 1									
FHH379-2K	Tuesday	02-Mar-10	1:30 PM	15	3.00	Friday Hill House	133.00	20.00	35.00
BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE, DEAF AND DEAFBLIND STUDIES									
British Sign Language - Level 1 - Fast Track									
LNS083-2K	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	9:30 AM	13	5.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	231.00	58.00	50.00
Communication Tactics with Deaf and Deafblind People - Non Accredited									
CHS934-3K	Monday	22-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Centre	80.00	80.00	0.00
Communication Tactics with Deaf and Deafblind People - T101									
FHS243-6K	Saturday	27-Feb-10	10:00 AM	2	5.00	Friday Hill House	43.00	11.00	20.00
FHS394-6K	Saturday	06-Mar-10	10:00 AM	2	5.00	Friday Hill House	43.00	11.00	20.00
LLS287-8K	M/T/W/Th	31-May-10	1.00PM	1	10.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	43.00	11.00	20.00

Code	Day	Start Date	Time	Weeks	Hrs per Wk	Venue	Full Fee	Reduced Fee	Exam Fee
Deaf and Deafblind Awareness - K101									
LLS286-8K	M/T/W/Th	31-May-10	10.00AM	1	10.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	43.00	11.00	20.00
BUSINESS, ADMINISTRATION AND LAW									
Improving Your Notes and Minute Taking									
QEI902-3K	Wednesday	17-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Centre	80.00	80.00	0.00
Minute Taking									
LNI024-4K5	Thursday	25-Feb-10	1:30 PM	3	3.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	39.00	10.00	0.00
Skills for Working in an Office - Foundation Course									
CHI223-1K5	Monday	22-Feb-10	9:30 AM	10	2.00	Chestnuts House	80.00	20.00	0.00
CHILDCARE									
Childcare - Introduction									
ACJ019-2K5	Tuesday	02-Mar-10	6:30 PM	5	3.00	Asian Centre	64.00	16.00	0.00
Portage - Introduction									
LLJ278-5K	Friday	19-Mar-10	10:30 AM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	43.00	11.00	0.00
CITIZENSHIP - PREPARATION FOR THE TEST									
LND095-7K1	Sunday	28-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	3.50	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	72.00	18.00	0.00
RSD042-2K1	Tuesday	20-Apr-10	6:30 PM	5	3.00	Rush Croft Sports College	64.00	16.00	0.00
COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES									
Health Awareness									
ACL020-5K5	Saturday	27-Feb-10	10:30 AM	1	5.00	Asian Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00
Massage - Advanced Masterclass									
FHH353-7K1	Sunday	28-Feb-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Friday Hill House	38.00	13.00	0.00
Massage - Hands Free - Advanced Masterclass									
CHH176-6K1	Saturday	27-Feb-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Chestnuts House	38.00	13.00	0.00
Reiki - 1st Degree									
FHH389-8K1	Sat & Sun	06-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	10.00	Friday Hill House	43.00	11.00	0.00
FHL388-8K1	Sat & Sun	06-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	10.00	Friday Hill House	43.00	11.00	0.00
Reiki - 2nd Degree									
FHH117-8K1	Sat & Sun	27-Feb-10	9:30 AM	1	10.00	Friday Hill House	65.00	23.00	0.00
COMPUTERS									
Basic Skills in Using Computers - Entry 3									
LLK110-3K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	1:30 PM	18	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	110.00	20.00	15.00
Basic Skills in Using Computers - Level 1									
CHK287-2K	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	10:00 AM	18	2.00	Chestnuts House	110.00	20.00	60.00
Computer Skills for Work - Level 1 - Intensive									
CHK599-8K	M/T/W/T/F	06-Apr-10	10:00 AM	2	20/25	Chestnuts House	133.00	20.00	60.00
Computers - Guide for Complete Beginners									
CHK600-1K5	Monday	22-Feb-10	1:30 PM	6	3.00	Chestnuts House	74.00	18.00	0.00
Excel - Advanced									
LNK912-2K	Tuesday	16-Mar-10	9:30 AM	2	6.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	160.00	160.00	0.00
Excel - Intermediate									
FHK938-1K	Monday	22-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Friday Hill House	80.00	80.00	0.00


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EXERCISE, FITNESS AND SPORT									
Badminton - Beginners									
TSM028-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	6:30 PM	15	2.50	Tom Hood School	118.00	29.00	0.00
FASHION									
Asian Fashion – Beginners – City & Guilds – 7111									
CHP62403K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	1:00 PM	10	3.00	Chestnuts House	95.00	20.00	30.00
Asian Fashion - Outfit for Special Occasions									
CHP615-1K5	Monday	22-Feb-10	10:00 AM	5	3.00	Chestnuts House	64.00	16.00	0.00
Asian Fashion - Wedding Outfit									
LNP252-7K5	Sunday	25-Apr-10	1:00 PM	5	3.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	64.00	16.00	0.00
Fashion - Use a Commercial Pattern to Make a Top									
LNP064-6K5	Saturday	27-Feb-10	1:00 PM	5	3.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	64.00	16.00	0.00
Fashion - Illustration - City & Guilds Level 1									
CHG572-6K	Saturday	27-Feb-10	10:00 AM	10	3.00	Chestnuts House	95.00	20.00	30.00
Sewing - Beginners									
CHP612-2K5	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	3.00	Chestnuts House	64.00	16.00	0.00
LLG267-4K5	Thursday	25-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	43.00	11.00	0.00
Sewing Machine - Know your Sewing Machine									
FHG359-6K1	Saturday	06-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	5.00	Friday Hill House	21.00	5.00	0.00
Wedding Weekend 1 - Corsage and Decorating a Plain Cake with Flowers									
FHP232-8K1	Sat & Sun	27-Feb-10	9:30 AM	1	10.00	Friday Hill House	65.00	23.00	0.00
FURNISHING AND FABRICS									
Curtain Making - City & Guilds									
CHP613-5K5	Friday	27-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	6.00	Chestnuts House	64.00	16.00	0.00
Lampshades - Design and Make a Hard Lampshade									
LNP069-1K5	Monday	22-Feb-10	1:00 PM	5	3.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	64.00	16.00	0.00
Lampshades - Simple Hard Lampshade Making									
FHP216-2K5	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	1:00 PM	5	3.00	Friday Hill House	64.00	16.00	0.00
Soft Furnishing - Make over your Garden Chairs with New Cushions									
LNP079-1K5	Monday	22-Feb-10	9:30 AM	10	3.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	118.00	29.00	0.00
Soft Furnishing - Make over your Garden Chairs with New Cushions									
FHP229-2K5	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	9:30 AM	10	3.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	0.00
HEALTH AND SAFETY									
Health & Safety - CIEH Level 3									
LLQ904-4K	Wednesday	04-Mar-10	9:00 AM	3	6.00	Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Centre	240.00	240.00	65.00
Personal Safety - Lone Working									
CHQ928-3K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Centre	80.00	80.00	0.00
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE									
Effective Learning in Care - Level 1									
RSJ057-2K	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	6:30 PM	10	3.00	Rush Croft Sports College	95.00	20.00	0.00
Foster Caring - Introduction									
CHJ248-4K5	Thursday	25-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Chestnuts House	43.00	11.00	0.00
Mental Health Awareness									
CHJ242-3K1	Wednesday	03-Mar-10	6:30 PM	5	3.00	Chestnuts House	64.00	16.00	0.00
INTERPRETING AND TRANSLATION									
Community Interpreting - Skills for Community Interpreting and Public Service Context - Level 2									
LNT101-3K1	Wednesday	21-Apr-10	6:30 PM	10	3.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	118.00	29.00	18.00
LANGUAGES									
Arabic - Level 1 - Year 2 - Part 2									
CHT383-6K1	Saturday	27-Feb-10	12:30 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	118.00	29.00	9.00
French - Level 1 - Year 1 - Part 2									
FHT248-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	9.00
TST012-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	7:00 PM	15	2.00	Tom Hood	118.00	29.00	9.00
French - Level 1 - Year 2 - Part 2									
TST026-3K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	118.00	29.00	9.00
CHT388-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	1:15 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	118.00	29.00	9.00
Italian - Level 1 - Year 2 - Part 2									
CHT259-5K1	Friday	26-Feb-10	10:00 AM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	9.00
Polish - Level 1 - Year 1 - Part 2									
RST021-2K1	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Rush Croft Sports College	118.00	29.00	9.00
Spanish - Level 1 - Year 1 - Part 2									
HST021-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Heathcote School	118.00	29.00	9.00
LST015-2K1	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Lammas School	118.00	29.00	9.00
FHT264-2K1	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	1:00 PM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	9.00
CHT394-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	1:00 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	118.00	29.00	9.00
Spanish - Level 1 - Year 2 - Part 2									
CHT397-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	1:00 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	118.00	29.00	9.00
CHT398-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	118.00	29.00	9.00
RST024-2K1	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Rush Croft Sports College	118.00	29.00	9.00

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MANAGEMENT SKILLS									
Conflict Handling - Introduction									
LNI245-1K5	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	43.00	11.00	0.00
Excelling as a First Time Line Manager/Supervisor									
QEI901-3K	Wednesday	03-Mar-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Centre	80.00	80.00	0.00
Team Leadership - Introduction									
LNI246-6K5	Saturday	27-Feb-10	10:00 AM	5	2.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	43.00	11.00	0.00
Time Management - Using Your Time More Wisely									
LNI946-2K	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	9:30 AM	1	6.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	80.00	80.00	0.00
MEDIA AND WRITING									
Creative Writing - Developing Creative Writing Skills - Level 1 - NOCN									
RSV026-2K	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Rush Croft Sports College	95.00	20.00	9.00
Film Studies - Get By In									
CHT593-8K1	Mon & Tue	12-Apr-10	10:00 AM	1	5.00	Chestnuts House	33.00	11.00	0.00
PARENTING									
Anger Management for Parents									
ZW0138-3K4	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Walthamstow Toy Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baby Massage Workshops									
ZL0071-1K4	Monday	22-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	2.00	Newport Primary School	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calm Parent / Calm Children									
ZW0143-1K4	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Walthamstow Toy Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Confident Parent / Confident Child									
LL0132-4K	Thursday	25-Feb-10	7:00 PM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fun Fitness for Parents									
LL0136-3K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	0.00	0.00	0.00
How Children Grow and Learn									
ZW0139-4K4	Thursday	25-Feb-10	4:00 PM	5	2.00	Walthamstow Toy Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Living in Extended Families									
LNO051-5K	Friday	26-Feb-10	1:00 PM	5	2.00	Leyton N'hd Learning Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parents New to London									
LL0140-2K	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	0.00	0.00	0.00
Relaxation Techniques									
ZL0072-5K4	Friday	26-Feb-10	9:30 AM	5	2.00	Newport Primary School	0.00	0.00	0.00
Setting and Keeping Boundaries									
LL0142-4K	Thursday	25-Feb-10	1:00 PM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supporting Children with Additional Needs									
CHO322-1K	Monday	22-Feb-10	1:00 PM	5	2.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
Talking Together and Communicating									
ZL0075-1K4	Monday	01-Mar-10	1:00 PM	5	2.00	Newport Primary School	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Talking Together and Communicating									
ZW0140-5K4	Friday	05-Mar-10	1:00 PM	5	2.00	South Grove Primary School	0.00	0.00	0.00
PERFORMING ARTS									
Acting & Drama - It's Not Too Late to Become an Actor - Beginners									
HHW028-2K5	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	7:00 PM	15	2.50	Harmony Hall	142.00	35.00	0.00
Acting & Drama - LAMDA qualifications									
HHW030-3K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	7:00 PM	15	2.50	Harmony Hall	114.00	20.00	tbc
Guitar - Improvers									
WSW006-4K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:00 PM	10	2.00	Heathcote School	80.00	20.00	0.00
PHOTOGRAPHY									
Photography - Award in Image Capture - City & Guilds 7111 - Level 1									
CHF117-1K	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.50	Chestnuts House	95.00	20.00	25.00
Photography - City & Guilds 7111 - Level 1									
CHF119-1K	Monday	22-Feb-10	12:30 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	95.00	20.00	25.00
POTTERY									
Pottery - Decorative									
FHG036-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	6:30 AM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	0.00
Pottery - Introduction to Coiled Pots									
FHG039-4K5	Thursday	25-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	0.00
Pottery - Introduction to Glazing									
FHG040-4K5	Thursday	25-Feb-10	1:15 PM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	0.00
Pottery - Level 2									
FHG046-1K1	Monday	22-Feb-10	7:30 PM	15	2.00	Friday Hill House	118.00	29.00	0.00
TRAINING TO BE A TEACHING ASSISTANT									
Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools - NVQ Level 2									
CHX628-1K	Mon/Fri	22-Feb-10	AM/PM* 20	6.00		Leytonstone Learning Link	95.00	20.00	90.00

*This course is from 9:30AM - 12:30PM on Mondays and 12:45PM - 3:45PM on Fridays.

FAMILY LITERACY, LANGUAGE AND NUMERACY

These are FREE courses for family members and carers of school age and pre-school/nursery children. You will find out how numeracy and literacy is taught in school. This will help you support your children with their school work. In addition you will be able to brush up your own English and Maths skills. The Family Language courses are for parents and carers with English as an additional language. They cover literacy and numeracy and language used in the classroom and in school. The courses are mainly in schools, pre-schools and nurseries. To find out more about courses run in schools, please contact the Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy coordinator on **020 8521 4311** or e-mail fln@walthamforest.gov.uk



Are you fulfilling your potential?
Personal Best is a training and volunteer programme that could be the first step towards your future.



Unemployed? No qualifications?
Personal Best could be the start to a better future for you.

- Supported training and help with getting a job afterwards
- Complete the course without affecting your benefits
- Build your confidence by learning new skills and meeting new people
- Gain work experience and references through volunteering

For more information about Personal Best, please call Tina Jess on 07813 969 888, or come along to one of our information sessions below

<p>Tuesday 9th or 16th February 2010 Starts at 11am The Click 321 High Road, Leytonstone E11 4JT</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th February 2010 Starts at 11am or 1pm CLaSS - Chestnuts House 398 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 9AA</p>	<p>Wednesday 24th March 2010 Starts at 11am or 1pm CLaSS - Chestnuts House 398 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 9AA</p>
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FAMILY LEARNING									
Workout to World Music for Under 5s									
ZWN141-1K4	Monday	22-Feb-10	10:00 AM	5	2.00	Walthamstow Toy Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
French - Family Learning									
ZLN063-1K4	Monday	22-Feb-10	4:00 PM	5	1.50	Newport Children Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00
Family Learning - Safely using the Internet									
ZLN017-2K4	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	4:00 PM	5	1.50	Cyber Link	15.00	15.00	0.00
Workout to World Music for Over 5s									
LLN120-3K4	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	4:00 PM	5	2.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	15.00	15.00	0.00
Healthy Lifestyles for Families									
CHN304-4K4	Thursday	25-Feb-10	1:00 PM	5	2.00	Chestnuts House	15.00	15.00	0.00
Workout to World Music for Under 5s									
ZLN074-1K4	Monday	01-Mar-10	9:30 AM	5	2.00	Newport Primary School	15.00	15.00	0.00
PREPARATION FOR WORK									
This range of short courses will prepare you to search for work, help you to gain confidence and to organise yourself. The courses listed below cover CVs and application forms, job search skills, interview techniques.									
Ready for Work									
These short courses will help you brush up your skills and give you the confidence you need to apply for work. Courses meet for one session each week over 5 weeks. They are FREE. You can pre-enrol or turn up at the first session to join.									
ZWE001-2K	Tuesday	23-Feb-10	9:30 PM	6	2.50	Priory Court Community Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00
ZLE003-2K	Tuesday	20-Apr-10	9:30 PM	6	2.50	Harrow Green Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
ENGLISH AND MATHS COURSES									
Our courses help you improve your English and Maths and gain a nationally recognised qualification – from beginners to GCSE. Courses are run at many different times and venues. To join a course you must come to an enrolment session. At enrolment we will give you an assessment and talk to you about which class you can go to. Enrolment can take up to 2 hours. We run some classes for people with learning difficulties and disabilities. For all English or Maths classes come to one of the enrolment sessions listed below:									
Tuesday	9th February 2010	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM				Leytonstone Learning Link			
Wednesday	10th February 2010	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM				Chestnuts House			
Thursday	11th February 2010	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM				Leyton Neighbourhood Learning Centre			
Thursday	11th February 2010	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM				Friday Hill House			
Saturday	13th February 2010	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM				Chestnuts House			
Tuesday	30th March 2010	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM				Leytonstone Learning Link			
Wednesday	31st March 2010	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM				Chestnuts House			
For more information telephone: 020 8523 9355 or 020 8558 6805 or 020 8988 0555 or 020 8521 4311									

Pathways to Employment

New opportunities to help you achieve the career you want with Waltham Forest Community Learning and Skills Service

Do you want to work with people but need help in knowing where to start?

- As a teaching assistant
- As a play-worker
- In a nursery
- In a care home
- In a shop

We have a wide range of short accredited courses to help you work towards the job you want.

Do you want to work in an office?

- Doing accounts
- As an administrator

We can give you help and information on the courses you need to do and the skills you need to develop so that you can work towards gaining the right combination of qualifications to get you into the job you want.

Do you want to work in the creative industries?

- In fashion
- In design

We can help you draw up your own personal action plan and support you in working through your very own pathway to employment.

Please come along to one of our Information and enrolment sessions on:

Wednesday 17 February 2010, 10.30am - 12noon
Chestnuts House, 398 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 9AA

Thursday 18 February 2010, 10.30am - 12noon
Leytonstone Learning Link, 23-25 North Birkbeck Road Leytonstone E110 4JF

For more information
Tel: 020 8523 9355
Email: class.info@walthamforest.gov.uk
web: www.walthamforestclass.gov.uk

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COURSES FOR LEARNERS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES									
Independent Living - Healthy Living - ASDAN									
CHL617-8K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	1:00 PM	11	2.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
Social Development - Self Development									
CHL840-3K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	1:00 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Skills - Dealing with Anxiety - for Learners with Learning Difficulties									
CHH805-3K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	10:00 AM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
Life Skills - Healthy Eating and Wellbeing - for Learners with Learning Difficulties									
CHH803-3K	Wednesday	21-Apr-10	1:00 PM	10	2.0	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
Problem Solving for Learners with Learning Difficulties									
CHL838-3K	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	10:00 AM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gardening - Vegetables and Herb Production for Learners with Learning Difficulties									
ZCG808-1K	Monday	22-Feb-10	10:00 AM	15	2.00	Hawkswood	0.00	0.00	0.00
Voluntary Work in the Care and Childcare Sector for People with Learning Difficulties									
HHJ052-5K	Friday	14-May-10	10:00 AM	5	3.00	Harmony Hall	0.00	0.00	0.00
French - for Learners with Learning Difficulties									
FHT862-8K	W/Th/F	14-Apr-10	10:00 AM	1	6.00	Friday Hill House	0.00	0.00	0.00
Italian - for Learners with Learning Difficulties									
LLT864-8K	T/W/Th	12-Jul-10	1:00 PM	1	6.00	Leytonstone Learning Link	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spanish - for Learners with Learning Difficulties									
CHT388-3K1	Wednesday	24-Feb-10	1:15 PM	15	2.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHT863-8K	W/Th/F	14-Apr-10	10:00 AM	1	6.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHT863-8K	T/W/Th	06-Jul-10	10:00 AM	1	6.00	Chestnuts House	0.00	0.00	0.00

Work Based Learning for 16-24 Year Olds

Do you want to earn while you learn?

Are you looking for that next step towards a rewarding career?
Choose the Work Based Learning programme that suits you

Entry to Employment (E2E)

This programme is for 16-18 year olds and is designed to help you develop your skills and knowledge to progress onto an Apprenticeship programme, further education or employment. You will be offered vocational tasters as well as the chance to work in a placement. You will work towards a keys skills qualification in Improving Own Learning and Performance. You will develop your personal skills and be supported with your English and Maths. You do not need any qualifications to join. You do need enthusiasm and the determination to progress.

Apprenticeships

These courses are designed by national employment organisations for motivated 16 to 18 year olds and adults who want to complete an Apprenticeship whilst gaining work experience in their chosen profession. All courses are full time and comprise work placement and day release. Your achievement will be based on continuous assessment.

You will also be required to sit an initial assessment and attend an interview to demonstrate commitment and ability to complete the programme. Apprenticeships are aimed at 16-18 year olds, but there are a number of places on these courses for 19-24 year olds and apprenticeships for adults.

If you choose to do an Administration Apprenticeship you will need to demonstrate evidence of having GCSE A* to C in English or equivalent.

CLaSS runs Apprenticeships in:

- Administration Apprenticeship NVQ Level 2
- Childcare Apprenticeship NVQ Level 2
- Health and Social Care Apprenticeship NVQ Level 2
- Customer Service Apprenticeship NVQ Level 2

For further information or to book an interview contact the Work Based Learning team at Chestnuts House 020 8520 9430 or speak to your Connexions Advisor





Café to keep the whole family going offering a wide range of hot and cold food.
For more information visit:
www.leevalleypark.org.uk/farms

Japanese Origami Club

Saturday 13 February, 3pm-5pm.
Welcome Centre, St. Mary's Church, 8 Church End, Walthamstow.
Are you interested in Japanese culture and language? Would you like to learn Origami, the Japanese art of paper folding? We are a family friendly bilingual club, formed by Japanese parents who wanted to maintain Japanese culture for the children. Everybody is welcome. £3.50 (per family) including refreshment. **Contact: Keiko**
020 8539 5982 or email
info@koinoborinokai.com

Play Scheme

Monday 15- Friday 19 February.
10am- 3.30pm.

The Limes, William Morris Hall, 6 Somers Road, Walthamstow.
A fun, exciting inclusive play scheme for 5-12 year olds living in Waltham Forest. Children will be able to access our adventure playground, sensory room and soft play and ball pool. Also, arts and crafts, play dough, sensory trays, model making, basic cooking and decorations, free play, singing and reading and many, many more. This service is open to everyone in the borough, places are limited and restrictions on supervision levels and wheel chair users are in place. £10 per session, booking required.

Dance for Children

'Give A Wiggle' - Creative Dance for Children.
Every Monday, 4.15-5pm and 5.05-5.50pm.

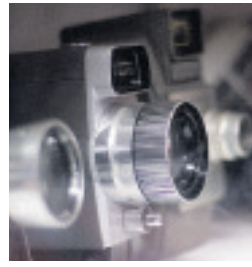
Modern College of Music and Drama, 22 Orford Road, Walthamstow.

Lively and fun movement classes for children aged 5/6 and 7/8 years.
For more information and to book a place please call Bettina on 07904 904166.

Waltham Forest Youth Federation

2nd Wednesday each month, 5pm.

Walthamstow Town Hall.
An independent organisation led by young people, aiming to make the borough safer for young people (mapping crime hotspots, monitoring stop and search), improving access to youth activities (running a Fairplay Football League) and developing environmental projects (improving open spaces etc). **ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME.**



Highams Park Youth Club

Every Tuesday (term time) 7.30-9.30.
Winchester Road Methodist Church.
Come along and enjoy table tennis, pool, Wii Games and more. Meet with friends old and new. All young people age 13-17 welcome.

Youth Computer Club / Study Support Group

Thursdays, 5.30pm-7.30pm (term time). Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court,

South Countess Road, Walthamstow. Circle 33 Housing Trust and Waltham Forest Youth Services present a free supervised club for young people young people aged 13-19 for help with homework, projects etc.
For more information email
gulsun.faik@circleanglia.org
or call 020 8531 9990.

Youth Football Sessions

Mondays, 4pm-5pm (8-11yrs) and 5pm-6pm (12-16yrs).
Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, South Countess Road, Walthamstow.
Circle 33 Housing Trust has teamed up with Leyton Orient Community Sports to put on free football sessions for young boys and girls. Just turn up and play.
For more information email
gulsun.faik@circleanglia.org
or call 020 8531 9990.

Stories, fun and games at Walthamstow Library

Every Thursday, 10.30am.
Walthamstow Library, High Street, Walthamstow.
Fun time for youngsters.

Story Time at Higham Hill Library

Every Tuesday, 11.30am.
Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road, Walthamstow.
Story time for youngsters.

Story Time at Lea Bridge Library

Every Wednesday, 2pm-3pm.
Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton.
Fun and stories for youngsters.



Stretch and grow

Friday mornings.
9.30am-10.15am for children 18 months-3 years and 10.15am-11am for children 3-5 years.
The Woodside Children's Centre, Wood Street, Walthamstow.
Exercise and activities for children aged six months to five years.
£1 per family. **For more details call 020 8509 4375.**

Tell us what's on

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Council Meetings

Monday 8 February

Walthamstow and Lea Bridge Community Council, Henry Maynard Junior School, Addison Road, London, E17 8PW (7.30 pm).

Tuesday 9 February

Cabinet

Wednesday 10 February

Performance Improvement Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Thursday 11 February

Standards Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall unless stated otherwise, and start at 7.30pm.

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We need your back-up

A big thank-you to the 7,100 people from our community who have signed our petition for more police officers in Waltham Forest. Having so much support made a big difference when the petition was officially presented to the Metropolitan Police Authority meeting at City Hall on January 28.

As a result the Metropolitan Police Authority has promised to investigate crime rates and police resources in our borough.

However we still need more signatures to strengthen our case. If you haven't already signed the petition please do so by completing and returning the form below, or go online to www.walthamforest.gov.uk/backup

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Chingford Foundation School Saturday College Nevin Drive, Chingford E4 7LT .
For further information e-mail Jackie Piper j.piper@chingford.waltham.sch.uk or telephone John Hunter, Asst Headteacher (Community)
020 8529 1853 ext 253



Kelmscott's pupils address the conference

Borough schools lead the way for cohesion

- Teachers from across the country learn from borough's teachers
- Young people present at conference to show what work can be done



Sir Keith Ajegbo praises the scheme

Education workers from across the country descended on Kelmscott School last week to learn first-hand how Waltham Forest promotes community cohesion in schools.

A conference was held to demonstrate the work done through an education programme designed

by the Council's schools improvement contractor, VT Group, to tackle difficult subjects such as knife crime and gang violence.

Visitors took part in a number of workshops to learn about local successes such as the Stolen Lives programme, which investigates gang violence.

Kelmscott's head boy

Clearly if you do not deal with it in schools, where else do you debate these issues? That is why schools are key.

welcomed the group, saying: "If I wasn't going to this school in this community, I don't think I'd ever have met so many people from so many different backgrounds. That's one of the most important things about Waltham Forest."

Government advisor, Sir Keith Ajegbo – one of the first champions of teaching citizenship – gave the keynote speech, adding: "When you get into these issues (extremism and community cohesion), you can't get away from asking young people to think things through and

make decisions.

"And how can schools deal with it in a measured way? What is the responsibility for Heads in terms of the concerns they may have regarding views of pupils or parents? Clearly if you do not deal with it in schools, where else do you debate these issues? That is why schools are key."

More info

For more information on the conference, contact the Community Cohesion team on 020 8496 3000.

In brief



Jenny Hammond Gets Set

Jenny Hammond Primary School, Leytonstone, was officially welcomed in to London 2012's Get Set network this month, in recognition of the school's commitment to the Olympic and Paralympic Values.

The Get Set network is an ever-growing pool of schools across the country that are working to involve more young people in the London 2012 Games.

Olympic gold-medallist, Sebastian Coe, said: "When London won the right to host the Games, we made a clear promise to use the power of the 2012 Games to inspire young people and I am proud to welcome Jenny Hammond Primary School in to the Get Set network."

Lammas has ideas for Europe

Students from Lammas School and Sports College, Leyton, held online debates with a school in Hamburg, Germany, last week as part of a project to raise awareness of the European Union.

The Young Ideas for Europe project, led by the Citizenship Foundation, saw both sets of pupils take part in a series of debates where the students took on the roles of different political parties to develop environmental policies for Europe.

Lammas head teacher, Shona Ramsay, said: "It's important for young people to learn how other cultures and communities see the world.

"Through projects like this one, our pupils learn not just about problem-solving, but also how to do it with other partners."

• For more information, visit www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk



Buxton flying high

Buxton School, formerly Tom Hood, is the eighth most improved school in the capital, it was confirmed recently.

Year 11 pupils at the Leytonstone school (pictured collecting their results) helped the school improve 12 per cent on the previous year's GCSE results.

Buxton's co-head, Candice Dwight, said: "We are absolutely delighted. This improvement is due largely to the commitment and hard work of staff and, of course, our pupils with the support of their parents. "This is part of an ongoing upward trend for our results and we expect this year's results to be part of this positive trend, too."

Discover Your Local Children Centre

Children Centres are a great place for under 5's to learn, play and enjoy. They also offer a wide-range of services and activities to children 0-5 years and their families.

Waltham Forest has 17 Children Centres across the borough which provide a one-stop shop for all you need to know about:

- Affordable childcare
- Registered childminders in your area
- Agencies to support you and your family
- Links to JobCentre Plus and training sessions
- Family fun with activities

Every family with children under 5 in Waltham Forest is invited to register at their nearest Children Centre to take advantage of the many services and activities being offered.

Your local Children Centre can support your family by providing information on:

Early Years Education and Childcare

Your local Children Centre offers a wealth of information on early years education and childcare to ensure your child is ready to flourish when they go to school. Find out about:

- Information on affordable high-quality childcare through nurseries and childminders.
- Advice on how to access funding for early years education.
- Early year's advice for families with children who have additional needs.

Family Support and Outreach Services

Friendly staff will be on hand to provide guidance on parenting and supporting your child in their development. Families can enjoy a range of activities including:

- Music sessions for under 5's
- Stay and play sessions
- Parent and toddler groups
- Storytelling time sessions



Children and Family Health Services

Children Centres have a team of health professionals specially trained in supporting young children and their families.

The team provide sessions on:

- Healthy eating with the dietician
- Breast feeding with the midwife
- Rhyme time with the speech and language therapist
- Baby clinics with the health visitor

Therefore if you need any health advice please drop by.



Find Your Local Children Centre:

Chingford / Highams Park

Chingford Hall Primary School and Children Centre
Burnside Avenue, Chingford, E4 8YJ
Tel: 020 8527 7310

Ridgeway Park Children Centre
82 Peel Close, Chingford, E4 6XQ
Tel: 020 8529 3885

Yardley Primary School and Children Centre
Hawkwood Crescent, Chingford, E4 7PH
Tel: 020 8523 7382 / 020 8529 3671

Walthamstow

Chapel End Early Years Centre
Brookcroft Road, Walthamstow, E17 4LH
Tel: 020 8527 9192

Church Hill Nursery School and Children Centre
Woodbury Road, Walthamstow, E17 9LG
Tel: 020 8520 4919

Higham Hill Children Centre
313 Billet Road, Walthamstow, E17 5PX
Tel: 020 8527 1737

The Lloyd Park Children Centre
Winns Avenue Entrance, Lloyd Park, Walthamstow, E17 5JW
Tel: 020 8531 9522

Low Hall Nursery School and Children Centre
We are based at two sites – Low Hall Nursery School and Queens Road Community Centre.

Children Centre site
Queens Road Community Centre, 215 Queens Road, Walthamstow, E17 8PJ
Tel: 020 8496 2442

For nursery education and childcare for 3-5 year olds please contact:

Low Hall Nursery School
Low Hall Lane, London, E17 8BE
Tel: 020 8520 1689

Mission Grove Primary School and Children Centre
Buxton Road, Walthamstow, E17 7EJ
Tel: 020 8520 3487

Woodside School and Children Centre
Wood Street, Walthamstow, E17 3JX
Tel: 020 8509 4375

Leyton/Leytonstone

Acacia Children Centre - Children Centre Services
8 Cathall Road, Leytonstone, E11 4LF
Tel: 020 8496 2960

Acacia Children Centre
Cecil Road, Leytonstone, E11 3HE
Tel: 020 8558 4444

Barclay Primary School and Children Centre
Canterbury Road, Leyton, E10 6EJ
Tel: 020 8518 7015

Davies Lane Primary School and Children Centre
Davies Lane, Leytonstone, E11 3DR
020 8539 2466

Mayville Primary School and Snowberry Children Centre
1 Snowberry Close, Leytonstone, E15 2AH
Tel: 020 8534 3683

Newport Primary School and Children Centre
Dawlish Road, Leyton, E10 6PJ
Tel: 020 8539 4552

Riverley & Sybourne Children Centre Services
Community Place, 806 High Road, Leyton, E10 6AE
Tel: 020 8558 8421

Riverley Primary School and Children Centre
Park Road, Leyton, E10 7BZ
Tel: 020 8558 9597

Sybourne Infant School and Children Centre
2A Perth Road, Leyton, E10 7PB
Tel: 020 8558 9597



Information and Support in Returning to Work

Children Centres also play an important role in supporting parents and carers in returning to work through:

- Advice drop-in sessions from Job Centre Plus on how to get back to work and training
- Money management and advice sessions
- General information

Register with your nearest Children Centre and benefit from services and activities.

Call 020 8496 3000 and ask for the Family Information Service for details of your nearest Children Centre and further information.

Details are also available online
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/childrens-centres



LGBT

History Month activities

1-28 February 2010

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) History Month takes place every year in February. It celebrates the lives and achievements of the LGBT community.

LGBT History Month is an opportunity for all of us to enjoy and take part in a range of events and activities.

Join us in celebrating diversity in Waltham Forest!

Lesbian Reading Group

**Monday 8 February,
7.45–8.45pm**

North Chingford Library

The group will be looking at a wide range of related fiction and non-fiction.

For more information, email
jacky.logan@walthamforest.gov.uk
or call North Chingford Library on
020 8496 1070.

Literature Evening – in celebration of LGBT writers

**Wednesday 17 February,
7.30–8.30pm**

Walthamstow Library

Come along and share your favourite piece of writing from LGBT authors and poets. The evening will be hosted by Jacky Logan. There will also be an opportunity to share your own creative works.

The event is free and everyone is welcome. Tickets are available from Walthamstow Library or just come along on the night. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

For more information, please email
caroline.rae@walthamforest.gov.uk or
call Walthamstow Library on **020 8496 1100**.

Waltham Forest LGBT Matters

22 February 2010, 5–7pm

This is the Council's flagship event as part of LGBT history month. We will be launching our groundbreaking research into the needs of our LGBT community and their experiences of our services. This is a very important study for the borough, allowing us to better understand the issues and priorities of local LGBT residents, which will help us deliver better services and improve the quality of life in Waltham Forest for local LGBT residents.

The event will feature guest speaker Angela Mason, a commissioner at the Equality and Human Rights Commission. For more information or if you would like to attend please contact Mark Yeadon on **020 8496 3000** or email mark.yeadon@walthamforest.gov.uk

Author Fiona Shaw, will read from her latest novel 'Tell it to the Bees'

**Wednesday 24 February,
7.30–8.30pm**

North Chingford Library

A 'Question and Answer' session will follow. Light refreshment will be served.

For more information, please email
jacky.logan@walthamforest.gov.uk or ring
North Chingford Library on **020 8496 1070**.

Hate Crime Awareness and Reporting event

Saturday 27 February, 12–4pm

Walthamstow Town Square

Homophobia or transphobic hate crime is physical abuse, threats, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, graffiti, attacks on property and harassment towards someone who is, or appears to be, lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

To promote personal safety and raise awareness on where you can report homophobic or transphobic hate crime, the crime prevention van will be in Walthamstow Town Square on 27 February as part of LGBT History Month.

This is an opportunity for you to speak to the High Street Safer Neighbourhood Team or a specially trained officer about reporting homophobic or transphobic hate crime and also find out more about what the Council is doing as well as what you can do to tackle all forms of hate crime.

For more information please contact
Dianne Andrews on **020 8496 3000** or email
Dianne.Andrews@walthamforest.gov.uk

LGBT book displays and booklists

Throughout February, book displays and booklists will be on show in the libraries to celebrate LGBT authors and poets.

Film displays

Throughout February, Walthamstow Library and Leytonstone Libraries will display films to mark and celebrate LGBT History Month.

Leytonstone Library Tel **020 8496 1190**
Walthamstow Library Tel **020 8496 1100**

Please put these events in your diaries and tell your friends!

For more information on LGBT events,
visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lgbt-history-month



Resident Inspectors will be able to comment on repairs issues

A resident inspector calls

- Ascham Homes tenants earn housing qualification
- Group will work with other tenants to improve housing services

Six Ascham Homes tenants have finished training as volunteer Resident Inspectors and will soon be working alongside the ALMO to help improve the repairs service for tenants.

The four men and two women were whittled down from the 72 applicants who responded to an advert asking people to register their interest in the scheme.

The group took part in a 15-week housing training course, provided by Just Housing. The course is accredited by the Chartered Institute of Housing and

The training has given me a different perspective of being a tenant and shown what I can do to help other people.

is equivalent to a GCSE qualification.

The inspectors will look at Ascham Homes' day-to-day repairs service from a resident's perspective and take part in service improvement initiatives.

Waltham Forest News spoke to new inspector Joseph Perera, who lives in Walthamstow. Joseph said: "I was already on the Tenants and Residents Association

for my area, and thought it might be a challenge to be a Resident Inspector as well.

"The training has given me a different perspective of being a tenant and shown what I can do to help other people.

"I've made friends through the course and we've all learned to work as a group rather than as individuals. Together we'll be able to help residents understand their rights, and remind Ascham Homes of the duty of care they have to tenants.

"The other day I advised a neighbour about the best way to speak to Ascham Homes about a repair problem, so I'm happy to say I'm putting the training to good use already.

More info

For more information on the Resident Inspectors Scheme call Ascham Direct on 020 8496 4197.



Joseph Perera, Resident Inspector

In brief



Tips for avoiding Norovirus

An outbreak of Norovirus at Whipps Cross Hospital led to parts of the hospital being closed for several days.

"It's not just hospital staff, patients and visitors who are at risk from the bug," says Cllr Liz Phillips, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult and Older People. "Every year up to 1 million people in the UK suffer from its effects. Noroviruses are part of a group of viruses that are the most common cause of upset stomachs in the UK. But there are some simple steps we can all take to avoid or lessen the symptoms of Norovirus."

These include thorough hand washing, not preparing food for others when ill, disinfecting contaminated areas if you are ill and keeping well hydrated.

• For more information on preventing Norovirus go to www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Norovirus



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TO PARKING PERMIT ELIGIBILITY**
The Waltham Forest (Blackhorse Lane CPZ)
(Amendment No. *) Order 20 The Waltham Forest**
(Hoe Street CPZ) (Amendment No. *) Order 20**
The Waltham Forest (Walthamstow Market West
CPZ) (Amendment No. *) Order 20**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 45, 46, 49, 51 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to allow residents living in that section of Palmerston Road that lies at the boundary of Blackhorse Road, Hoe Street and Walthamstow Market West Controlled Parking Zones, (Nos. 11 to 41 and Nos. 80 to 100), to choose which one of these three Controlled Parking Zone that they may purchase a residents parking permit for, with a limit on the issue of permits to only one per vehicle.
3. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and a plan showing the locations and effect of the Orders can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) The Reception Desk, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.
4. Any person desiring to object to the proposed Orders or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference 2009T26
Dated 8th February 2010
Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and
Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall,
Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Planning

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING
(GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE)
ORDER 1995 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2010/0050
APPLICANT Mr Louis Gavriel
ADDRESS 454 - 458 Larkshall Road & Station Car Park, Chingford 9HH
PROPOSAL Demolition of existing buildings at 454 - 458 Larkshall Road and inclusion of part of the station car park to enable redevelopment of the site to provide 45 residential units comprising 33 flats (7 x 1 bed, 24 x 2 bed and 2 x 3 bed) and 12 houses (8 x 4 bed and 4 x 3 bed). Reprovision of office accommodation and provision of 3 retail units on the Larkshall Road frontage.

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION
AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for a building within a Conservation Area has been made to this Authority.

APPL.NO 2010/0089
APPLICANT Mr & Mrs Mark Ward
ADDRESS 32 Orford Road, Walthamstow, London E17 9NJ
PROPOSAL Erection of ground floor rear extension to form covered seating area.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated 8 February 2010
David Scourfield – Head Development
Management on Behalf of London Borough of
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- NHS
- Pension Services

- Benefits
- Environmental Services
- Planning and Building Control
- Waste and Recycling
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Consumer Direct
- Housing Associations
- Waltham Forest Credit Union





Waltham Forest

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For more information visit
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or call Waltham Forest Direct
020 8496 3000

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- It's quick and easy.



For more information, please contact the Council's Electoral Services on 020 8496 3000 or email electoral.services@walthamforest.gov.uk



Our Democracy

Councillors To contact your local councillors, call 020 8496 3000 and ask for Member Services, email councillors@walthamforest.gov.uk or go online to walthamforest.gov.uk/council

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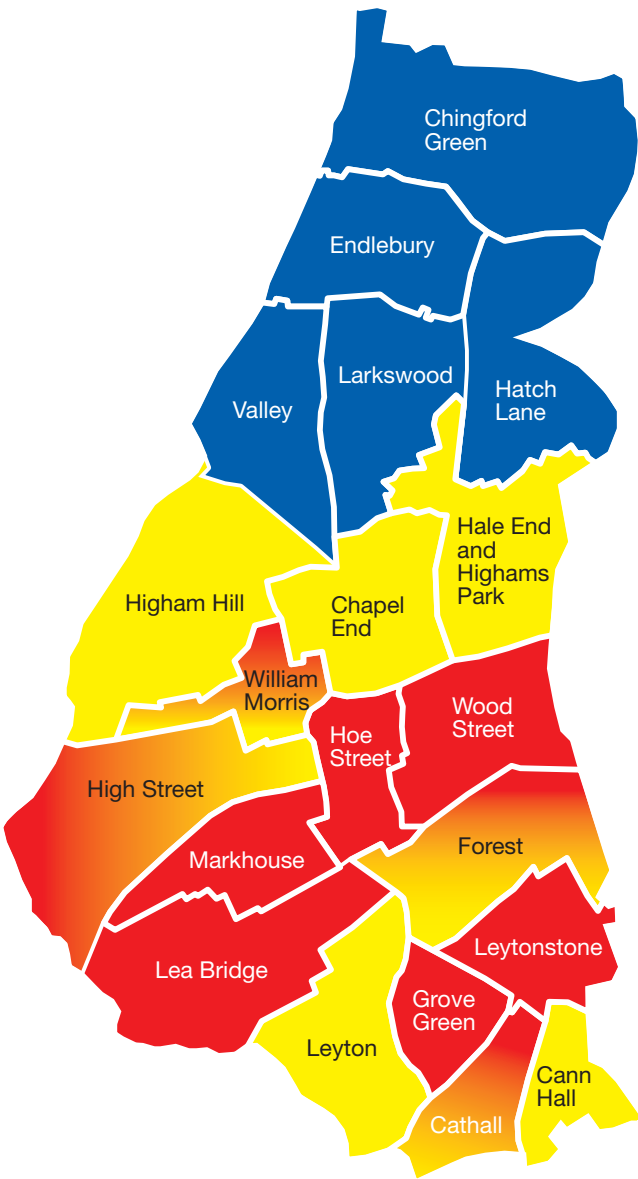
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Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing

The Mayor



Anna Mbachu
Councillor Anna Mbachu has lived locally with her family for more than 21 years and was first elected in 2006 as Councillor for Grove Green Ward. She entered politics to effect change and have an input in the way services are delivered. Contributing to the on-going work of creating further harmony and understanding within the borough is of high importance to Councillor Mbachu.

Waltham Forest Wards



Labour Conservative Liberal Democrat Lab/Lib

Cann Hall



Liz Phillips Keith Rayner Laura Sheppard

Cathall



Shameem Highfield Milton Martin Terry Wheeler

Chapel End



Bob Belam Bob Carey John Macklin

Chingford Green



Andy Hemsted Michael Lewis Graham Sinclair

Endlebury



Matthew Davis Peter Herrington Mladen Jovicic

Forest



Farooq Qureshi Samina Safdar Faiz Yunis

Grove Green



Tarsem Bhogal Anna Mbachu Chris Robbins

Hale End and Highams Park



Nick Bason Jane Morgan Sheila Smith-Pryor

Hatch Lane



Laurie Braham Marion Fitzgerald Geoff Walker

High Street



Liaquat Ali Johar Khan James O'Rourke

Higham Hill



Sean Meiszner Patrick Smith Peter Woolcott

Hoe Street



Saima Mahmud Naz Sarkar Eric Sizer

Larkwood



Nick Buckmaster Eric Williams Edwin Northover

Lea Bridge



Masood Ahmad Afzal Akram Elisabeth Davies

Leyton



Naheed Qureshi Winnie Smith Bob Sullivan

Leytonstone



Jenny Gray Clyde Loakes Marie Pye

Markhouse



Mohammad Asghar Midge Broadley Asim Mahmood

Valley



Jemma Hemsted Alan Siggers Laurance Wedderburn

William Morris



Adam Gladstone Geraldine Reardon Bob Wheatley

Wood Street












Peter Barnett Angie Bean Richard Sweden

AREA 019 DAY

Family event from **out of this world**

Join us for an afternoon
of alien themed family fun

Activities include:

-  X-Box and PS3
-  Dance mat
-  Rock climbing
-  Treasure hunts
-  Soft play
-  Lalaland story time
-  Puzzles
-  Entertainers from out of space
-  Advice and support from services for parents/carers, children and young people.

Wednesday 3 March
12 noon to 7pm

at: The Soul Project
(Tumble in the Jungle)
245 Wood Street
Walthamstow E17 3NT

Free

Suitable for families, children and young people aged 0 to 19.

No booking required.

For further information call: **020 8496 3000** and ask for the Family Information Service.



Waltham Forest



FROM THE GAMES

We are going to maximise all the opportunities being an Olympic host borough brings to Waltham Forest, so that our whole community feels they are Getting more from the Games.

... improving business and skills

Hundreds of residents have already been trained in construction and security skills, helping them find employment on the Olympic Park site and on other major construction projects.

After a **£7.6 million** investment, thousands more local people will benefit when the borough's National Skills Academy for Construction opens this summer in Leytonstone.

The Council's Worknet partnership continues to support local people, finding them further training and employment opportunities in a time when many residents need it the most.

Later this year, the Council plans to work more closely with all kinds of local organisations who are delivering projects that contribute to the borough's 2012 priorities; building a stronger, more united support for the Games.

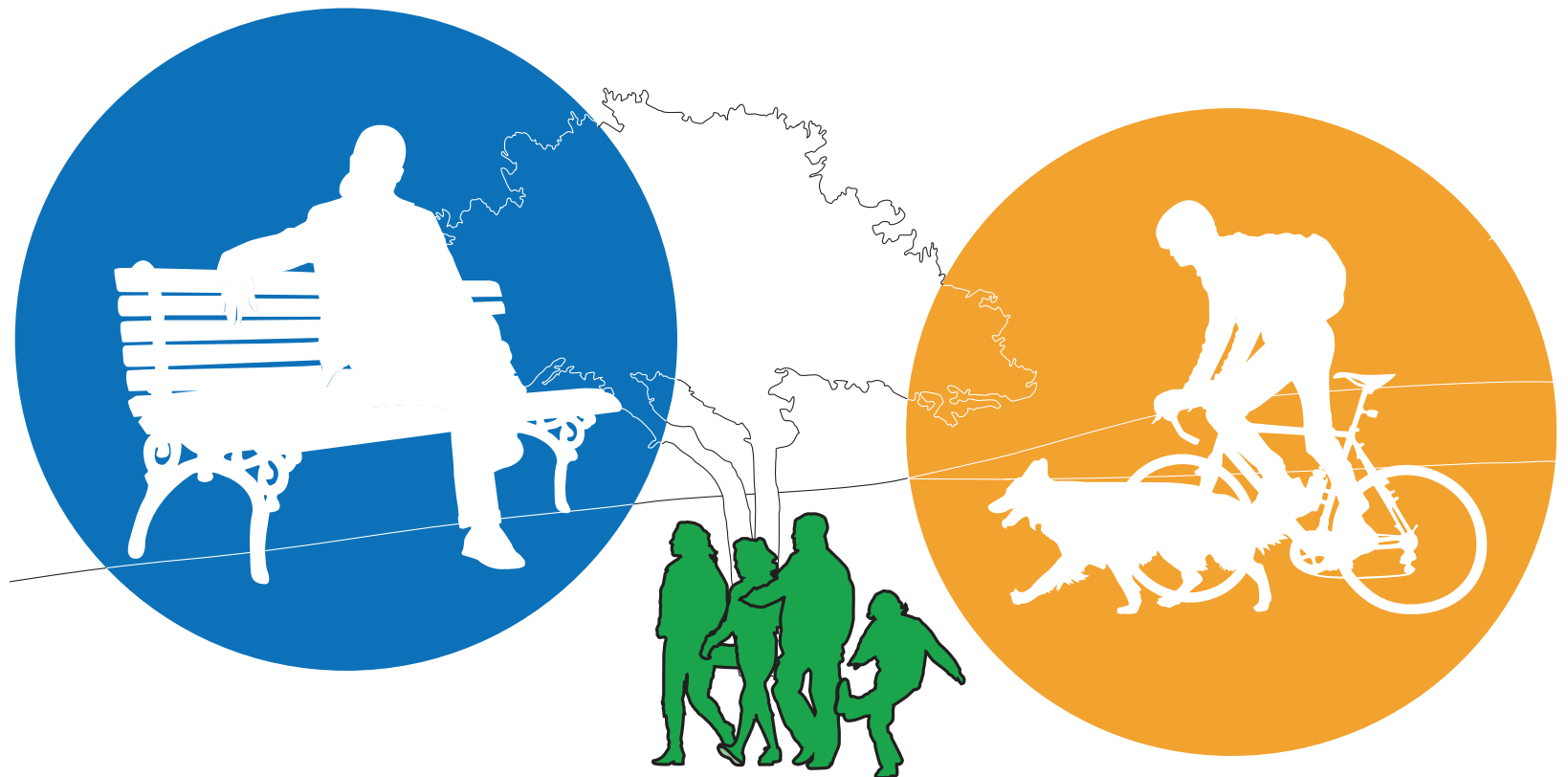
...investing in our streets

One of the biggest benefits of being a host borough is the funding we have secured to invest in our streets. We have so far secured **over £8 million** and there is more to come.

As the parts of the borough bordering the Olympic Park, Leyton and Leytonstone will see massive improvements to their high streets and roads. From improving road safety around Ruckholt Road through to replacing old paving slabs along Leyton High Road, we are investing millions to make the journey through the area a more pleasant and safe experience for everyone.

We have recently dedicated **£400,000** to be spent on giving shops on Leyton High Road a make-over. Shop fronts will be smartened up to look more appealing, attracting more visitors and businesses to the area. Plans are being developed as we speak, so watch this space for more details.

Over the coming years, the Council will invest millions into transforming all of Waltham Forest's town centres into the vibrant, modern places they deserve to be, both for the Games and for generations to come.



... increasing Olympic Park access

Both during and after the Games, we believe our residents deserve access to the very heart of the Olympic Park.

We are working hard to push for improved transport links in Waltham Forest. These include the reopening of the Hall Farm Curve train track, which would link residents in Chingford and Walthamstow directly to Stratford.

We will also continue to call for the vital improvements necessary to Leyton Underground Station, to ensure it is fit for purpose during 2012. Plus, we are developing plans to improve Marsh Lane foot bridge, a key part of the route through the Lee Valley to the Olympic Park.

With over 40,000 Waltham Forest residents living within half a mile of Eton Manor – the part of the Olympic Park within our borough – we believe that a new pedestrian and cycle bridge should be built. This would link our residents directly to the two international standard hockey pitches, ten tennis courts, ten football pitches and the mountain bike trail that will be on Eton Manor after the Games. The bridge is a central part of our plans to ensure everyone in the borough can enjoy the legacy of the Games for generations to come.

...inspiring our community

There are many ways for residents to get involved in the Games; from registering an interest in volunteering at **www.london2012.com/volunteering** or simply having your say on the Council's improvement plans for the area, you can make a real difference.

As 2012 comes ever closer you will find the Council out in your area more often, encouraging everyone to get involved.

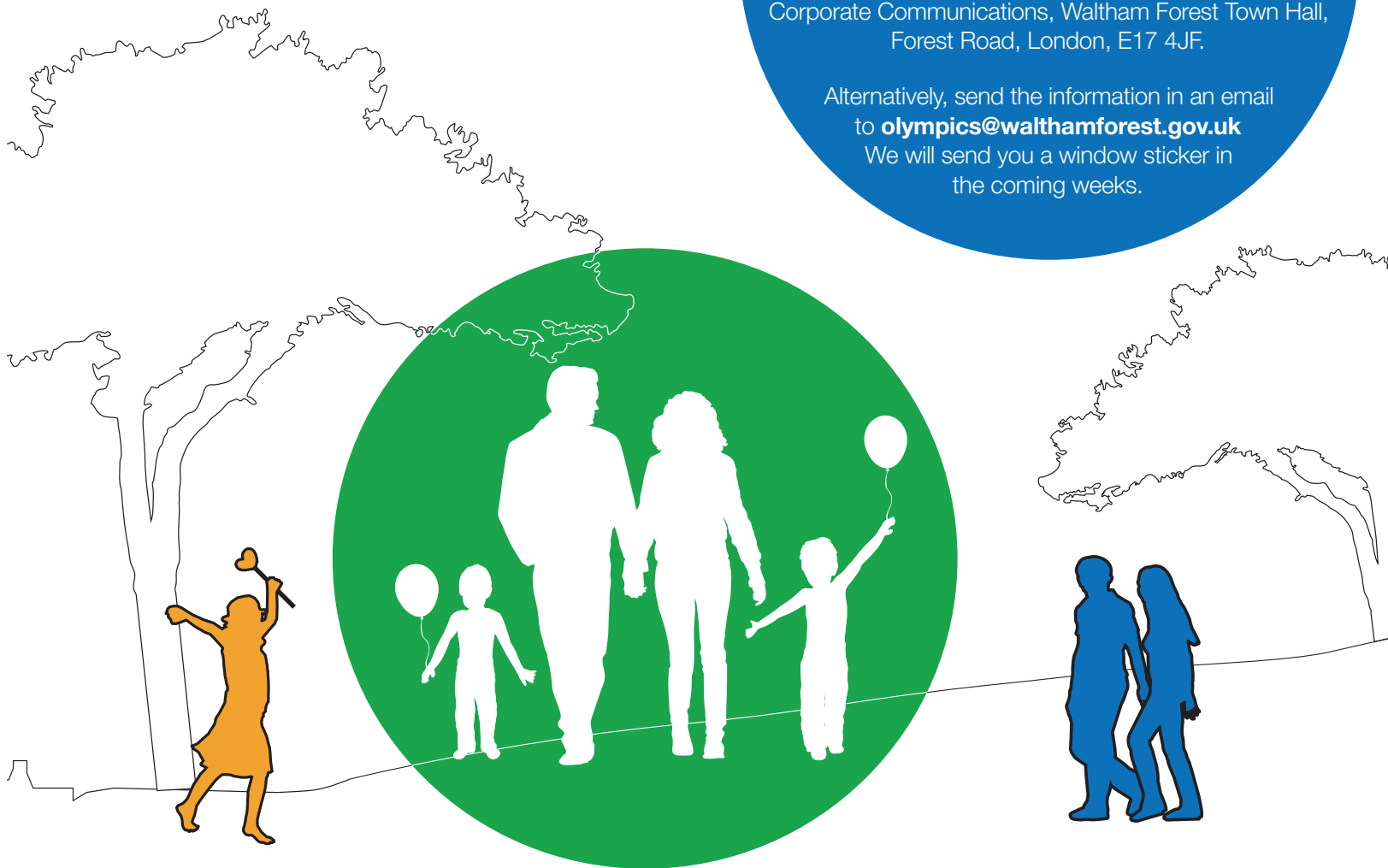
The Games are a cause for massive celebration and throughout 2010, there will be a whole host of events celebrating the Games coming to our borough.

Get your **FREE** window sticker

You can show your support for the Games happening here by placing a free window sticker in your home or business. Simply send your name and address including post code to:

Getting more from the Games,
Corporate Communications, Waltham Forest Town Hall,
Forest Road, London, E17 4JF.

Alternatively, send the information in an email to **olympics@walthamforest.gov.uk**
We will send you a window sticker in the coming weeks.



Visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012games** or call **020 8496 3000**